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1. In September 1949, Communist troops in Shansi Province received an order from the Communist central authorities to conscript within the province in 1949 a quota of 300,000 able-bodied men between the ages of sixteen and thirty-two. The Communist military authorities of Shansi Province in turn instructed the hsien and city governments to execute the order.
2. The conscription quota for each hsien and city is determined by population, on the basis of two men from each twenty-five families. To avoid conscription, many young men have fled from their homes, and government organizations found it impossible to fulfill their quotas. To obtain the required number of men, some government authorities hired eligible persons as mercenaries; the principal hiring center is Sian in northwest China.

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